

Torah Cycle 2018-19

Parshah: Shemini

(Leviticus 9-11)

Outline of Shemini:

Ch. 9 - The Priestly service begins

Ch. 10 - Death of Nadav & Avihu

Ch. 11 - The Food Laws

Nadav (נדב) & **Avihu** (אביהוא)

"He" — "my father"

"volunteer"

"He is my father"

Uzziel (עזיאל)

"Strength of God"

*דרש דרש
(darosh darash)
"searching, he searched"*

Michael (מישאל) & **Elzaphon** (אלצפון)

"Who is [like] God"

"God hides"

Elazar (אלעזר) & **Itamar** (איתמר)

"God helps"

"? Palm Tree"

Two Tamars

Daughters

D.-in-Law of JUDAH

Daughter of DAVID

(Gen. 38)

(2Sam. 13)

Leviticus 10:3

Then Moses said to Aaron, “It is what Adonai spoke, saying, ‘I will be hallowed in them that come near me, and before all the people I will be glorified.’” So Aaron kept silent.

Leviticus 10:8-11

Adonai then spoke to Aaron, saying, “Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die – it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations – and so as to make a distinction **between the holy and the common**, and **between the unclean and the clean**, and so as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which Adonai has spoken to them through Moses.”

Acts 10

Leviticus 11:1-2

Adonai spoke again to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘These are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are **on the earth...**’”

Acts 15:19-21

“Therefore, it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, but that we write to them that they abstain from...

- ...things contaminated by idols and from...

Idolatry

- ...fornication and from...

Sexual Immorality

- ...what is strangled and from blood...

Forbidden Foods

“For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

Nahum 2:12

The lion **tore** (טָרַף, *taraph*) enough for his cubs and **strangled** prey for his lionesses he filled his caves with prey and his dens with **torn [flesh]** (טָרֵף, *treiph*).

*... the Torah uses the term holiness specifically with regard to three areas; **idolatry, sexual immorality, and forbidden foods**. One who curbs himself from forbidden activities in those areas is on the way to holiness; but one who indulges in those vices is טָמֵא [tamei], contaminated.*

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1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; because it is written, **“YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”**